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For: LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT
COMPONENTS OF CARTILAGE,
COMPLEXES OF METALS WITH
AMINO ACIDS, DI-PEPTIDES AND
ANALOGS THEREOF; PROCESSES
FOR PREPARATION AND
THERAPEUTIC USES THEREOF

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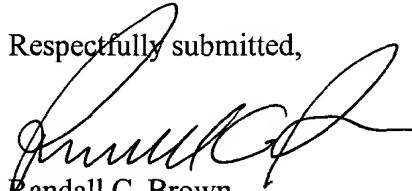
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed modified Form PTO-1449. No inference should be made that the cited references are in fact material, are in fact prior art, or that no better art exists. The cited patents are listed in numerical order and are not in any order based on their pertinence. Copies of the listed information are attached.

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Respectfully submitted,



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